Water projects sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh to solve drinking water scarcity

3295. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of water projects in Andhra Pradesh sanctioned to help overcome drinking water scarcity in eight districts of the State;

(b) the amount granted for the projects; and

(c) by when the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Rural Drinking Water component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). During 2000-2001, Rs. 132.59 crore under ARWSP (including DDP) and Rs. 28.41 crore under Rural Drinking Water component of PMGY were released to Andhra Pradesh. In the current year, Rs. 138.90 crore under ARWSP (including DDP) and Rs. 28.41 crore under Rural Drinking Water component of PMGY have been allocated to Andhra Pradesh, and as the first instalment Rs. 48.51 crore and Rs. 7.96 crore have been respectively released under ARWSP and PMGY.

Powers have been delegated to the State Governments to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. Hence, State Governments are not required to seek the approval of Government of India for implementing individual rural drinking water supply schemes, except in the case of sector reform pilot projects for institutionalising community participation in the Rural Water Supply Programme. Proposals received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of the sector reform projects in the following identified pilot districts of the State have been sanctioned by the Government of India and are at various stages of implementation at present:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Pilot District	Sanctioned Pilot District	GOI share Project Cost	First instalment released
1.	Chittoor	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
2.	Khammam	3753.00	3509.00	1052.70
3.	Nalgonda	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
4.	Nellore	4000.00	3740.00	**
5.	Prakasam	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00

**will be released after the required formalities are completed by the district level implementing agency.

Unavailability of drinking water in many areas of Maharashtra

3296. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water is not available in 1246 villages and 1491 hamlets in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government had demanded Rs. 100 crore from the Centre;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction; and

(d) what steps are being taken to help the State Government to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of Maharahtra, 2256 rural habitations in the State were yet to be covered with drinking water supply facilities as on 1-4-2001.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Demand of Rs. 100 crore was received last year from the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural